

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1 50. (New) A method of loading a film assembly comprising a first film container provided
2 with an internal spool and an additional spoolless film container having a length of film a
3 majority of which is wound in the spoolless film container, and which extends to the first film
4 container, comprising the steps of:

- 5 a) providing a bulk roll of film, withdrawing a free end therefrom and securing to a film
6 winding tool;
7 b) in a dark environment rotating the film winding tool to wind the film into a coil about
8 the tool;
9 c) removing the wound coil from the film winding tool and enclosing the coil in the
10 additional film container so that the film extends through a film slot thereof;
11 d) before or after step c) cutting the film unwound from the bulk roll off said bulk roll to
12 give a trailing end;
13 e) securing said trailing end of film to the first film container.

1 51. (New) A method according to claim 50 wherein the film container is a conventional film
2 patrone having a central spool, at step e) the said trailing film end being secured to the central spool.

1 52. (New) A method according to claim 50 utilizing an additional container which
2 comprises a housing which is closed by an end cap, the method involving, at step c), winding the
3 film onto the film winding tool, followed by insertion of the tool having the film wound about the
4 tool end into the additional film container.

1 53. (New) A method according to claim 52 wherein after removal of the film winding tool

2 the end cap is secured to the housing.

1 54. (New) A method according to claim 50 utilizing an additional film container which
2 comprises a housing formed in two half shells which co-operate to define a film slot therebetween,
3 the method involving the step of, in a film winding apparatus, after step b), removing the film
4 winding tool and enclosing the wound coil between the two half shells, with the film extending from
5 the film slot.

1 55. (New) A method according to claim 54 wherein the method includes the step of cutting
2 the film from the bulk roll after it has been wound into the coil and before it is enclosed in the
3 additional container.

1 56. (New) A method according to claim 50 further comprising the step of attaching a
2 removable clip to secure the first film container and additional film container together.

1 57. (New) A method according to claim 50 further comprising the step of inserting the
2 assembly of first film container and additional film container into a package which is sealed to
3 contain the film containers.

1 58. (New) A film assembly when loaded according to the method of claim 50.

1 59. (New) A camera when loaded with a film assembly according to claim 58.

1 60. (New) A method of loading a film assembly into a camera having a pair of film
2 chambers arranged on opposite sides of an exposure opening and a camera back which closes the
3 film chambers comprising the steps of:

- 4 a) providing a bulk roll of film, withdrawing a free end therefrom and securing to a film
5 winding tool;
- 6 b) in a dark environment rotating the film winding tool to wind the film into a coil about the
7 tool;
- 8 c) removing the wound coil from the film winding tool and enclosing the coil in the
9 additional film container so that the film extends through a film slot thereof;
- 10 d) before or after step c) cutting the film unwound from the bulk roll off said bulk roll to
11 give a trailing end;
- 12 e) securing said trailing end of film to the first film container;
- 13 f) placing the film assembly in the camera with the containers in respective chambers and
14 closing the camera back.

1 61. (New) A method according to claim 60 wherein utilizing an additional film container
2 which comprises a housing formed in two half shells which co-operate to define a film slot
3 therebetween, the method involving the step of, in a film winding apparatus, after step b), removing
4 the film winding tool and enclosing the wound coil between the two half shells, with the film
5 extending from the film slot.

1 62. (New) A method according to claim 60 wherein the film carries pre-exposed latent
2 images, the method involving at step f) the additional step of ensuring that an alignment mark on the
3 film is arranged in alignment with an alignment mark on the camera so as to ensure correct
4 alignment of user-exposed images and pre-exposed images.